

REMARKS

Within the Office Action, the Claims 1-21 have been subject to an election requirement. The Applicants elect species E without traverse on the ground that the species are not patentably distinct for the apparatus shown in Figure 7. By way of the above amendment, Claims 5, 6 and 11-21 have been withdrawn without prejudice. The Applicants reserve the right to reinstate Claims 5, 6 and 11-21 as soon as a generic claim is held to be allowable. Therefore, Claims 1-4 and 7-10 are now pending in this application and Claims 1-4 and 7-10 all read on the elected species.

Please be advised that the Applicants respectfully disagree with the election requirement set forth in the Office Action. The disclosed embodiments have many patentable features. One of those features is common to Species A-F, the "translucent membrane". The translucent membrane is illustrated in Figures 3-8 and are noted by reference numerals 32, 42, 52, 62, 72 and 82, respectively. Since all embodiments of the present invention have a common novel concept, the embodiments should be placed in the same application and examined together.

Should the Examiner have any questions or comments, they are encouraged to call the undersigned at (408) 530-9700 to discuss the same so that any outstanding issues can be expeditiously resolved.

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